

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Otter Tail Power Company serves the energy needs of more than 129,000 customers in 423 communities in rural areas in northeastern South Dakota, western Minnesota, and eastern North Dakota; and,

Whereas, Otter Tail Power Company provides electricity to its customers in a reliable, economical, and environmentally responsible manner; and,

Whereas, Otter Tail Power Company's diverse offering of programs and services improves the quality of life in the areas in which the company does business; and,

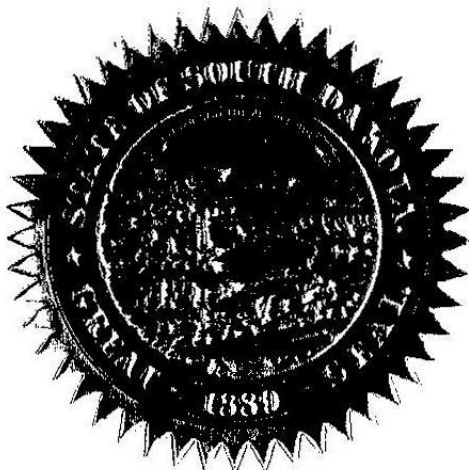
Whereas, Otter Tail Power Company continues its 100-year emphasis on "paying it forward" for future generations; and,

Whereas, On April 9, 2009, Otter Tail Power Company will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of serving its first customer in 1909:

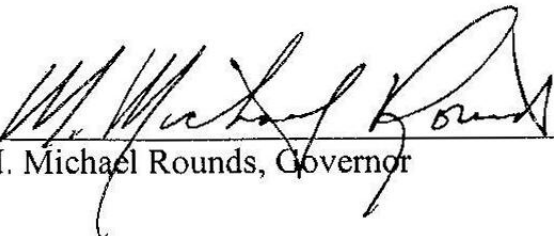
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2009, as

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY PAY IT FORWARD DAY


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State